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Robert Lopez
United States Department of the Interior
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RE: Bond Requirements, SF Phosphates LC. UTU76097

Dear Mr. Lopez:

In response to your letter of October 21, 1999, and previous correspondence on this issue, SF Phosphates Limited Company (SF) is herein requesting additional time to secure bonding for disturbances approved under Plan of Operation UTU76097. We estimate an additional 150 days may be required to complete the reclamation plan and bond acquisition.

We are currently preparing a revision to our Mine and Reclamation Plan with the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM). The revision should be ready for submission to DOGM by the end of November 1999. DOGM review and preliminary approval may then be expected by the end of December 1999. The public comment process and bond completion may take 2 to 3 months. Considering this schedule, we reason that the revision process should be complete by the end of March 2000. At that date, bonding for future disturbance on public, as well as private, ground should be arranged. No disturbance will occur on public ground prior to the year 2005, thus there will be no non-bonded disturbance at any time.

Thank you for considering this request for additional time to arrange bonding provisions. If you have questions or need additional information please contact me at 435-781-3348.

Sincerely,

Ron Ryan
Environmental/Reclamation Specialist

Cc: Anthony Gallegos, UDOGM
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